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SUBJECT: AMHERST COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

REF: LETTER TO AMBASSADOR BARNES MARCH 5, 1975 FROM
GLEE CLUB DIRECTOR MCINNES

1. IN REF LETTER DIRECTOR AMHERST COLLEGE GLEE CLUB HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY (AND PARTICULARLY OF AMBASSADOR WHO IS AMHERST ALUMNUS) IN ARRANGING FOR INCLUSION OF ROMANIA IN GROUP'S SUMMER TOUR PLANS. THEY PLAN NORTH AFRICA-MID-EAST APPEARANCES AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ROMANIA DURING PERIOD APPROXIMATELY JULY 12-15 PRIOR TO TOURING WESTERN EUROPE.
 2. POST HAS DISCUSSED VISIT WITH OFFICIALS OF YOUTH TOURIST BUREAU HERE AND THEY HAVE PROPOSED FOUR-DAY PROGRAM INCLUDING PERFORMANCES AT STUDENT CLUB IN BUCHAREST AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CAMP IN NEARBY MOUNTAINS. IN ADDITION, POST INTERESTED HAVING AMHERST PERFORM AMERICAN LIBRARY.
 3. WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT COMPLETELY GROUP'S STAY HERE, HOWEVER. YOUTH TOURIST OFFICE, BASED ON TRAVELLING PARTY OF SIXTY, WILLING TO ARRANGE PROGRAM INCLUDING ALL ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS, GROUND TRANSPORTATION, AND TOURS FOR \$39 PER PERSON OR TOTAL OF \$2280, WHICH IS REASONABLE
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IN ROMANIA. POST WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE \$1000 FROM FY-1976

GOE HONORARIUM FOR LIBRARY APPEARANCE. IN ADDITION, WE
WILL WORK WITH YOUTH TOURIST OFFICIALS TO MAKE SURE PROGRAM
IS INTERESTING AND VALUABLE. THIS WOULD REQUIRE GROUP
MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE APPROXIMATELY \$20 PER PERSON.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT OUTLINE ABOVE MATTER
TO BRUCH G. MCINNES, DIRECTOR OF THE GLEE CLUB AT AMHERST
COLLEGE, AND ADVISE HIS REACTIONS TO THIS SHARED COST
ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY HAS TOUCHED ALL OTHER BASES (INCLUDING
ARIA) WHICH HAS GENERAL RULE OF NOT HANDLING ANY STUDENT
GROUPS AND NO POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR FULLY SUPPORTED VISIT.
GIVEN EXCELLENCE OF AMHERST GROUP, WE HOPE VISIT CAN BE
ARRANGED. IF FINANCIAL QUESTION CAN BE SOLVED AMBASSADOR
INTENDS TO SEE IF GLEE CLUB COULD PERFORM FOR PRESIDENT
CEAUSESCU.
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